

Silver Lake Advisory Commission Minutes: July 15, 2021

7:00pm KRC Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Gary Pugh, Randy Ammann, Bill Blechinger, Ron Wagner, Dave Frey, Scott Geest, Natural Resource Manager Ryan Hummert

Guests: Josh Kirchoff

Recording line for the meeting was not working. Made several attempts to connect using the code provided and could not connect

Motion was made to approve the minutes from April 22, 2021 meeting

Staff Reports:

Natural Resource Manager Ryan Hummert updated the commission on current projects at the lake including the 319 grant and the update watershed comprehensive plan. He also included several projects in the park such as additional updated parking spaces which were greatly needed, fish rearing pond enhancements, and dates of potential stocking into the lake. Fisheries biologist is tentatively planning on mid to late October for the stocking. The city will notify the commission when a date is set as several members indicated they would like to see the process. The commission was updated on the status of the Old City Lake Dam and that it would be included in the Comprehensive Plan in order to attempt to gain federal aid for repair/replacement.

Gary Pugh updated the commission on current water plant projects as well as updates to the spillway wall along Route 143.

Public Forum:

Josh Kirchoff addressed the committee and gave updates on the Tuesday night fishing which has seen less participants due to the lack of decent bass fishing. Josh will begin collecting data from Tuesday nights in order to present to the fisheries biologist. He also asked if the stocking from the IDNR could be moved to the North Boat Ramp this coming year in order to spread the fish out a bit since we would be stocking from the south end via the new brood pond. The commission concurred and agreed that this would be a good idea if possible. Josh shared info on Rinderer Pond fishing and was inquiring if the pond could be shocked and identify future stocking goals.

New Business:

Bill Blechinger brought up the idea of possible speed limit on the lake in order to get more boats using the lake. A discussion was held and many commission members stated that not every boat has a speedometer and it would be hard to enforce speed limit violations. Natural Resource Manager Hummert indicated heavy use of the lake as the city sold nearly 650 boat passes last year and are currently at 425 passes for this season.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05pm.